

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, May 23, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Rushing of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, the Ultimate Source of Personal Peace and Objective Truth, we depend upon You and Your assistance as we face today's legislative items and our own agenda and priorities. The political, intellectual and ethical issues of the times are often so complex that we need both Your guidance and sufficient time to reflect on our best options and choices. Let our intellects remain open to new discoveries and ideas, accurate information and traditional ethical values. We pray that our hearts and minds will be filled with kindness and compassion towards others, a respect for the dignity and the religious beliefs of all and with a common effort to make our communities safe for all, especially our children.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Rushing), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative Teahan of Whitman.

A statement of Mrs. Teahan of Whitman was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was not present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Thursday, May 19 due to being out of state for my granddaughter Elizabeth Hayes' graduation from Villanova University. Any roll calls that I missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Teahan of
Whitman.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan of Salem) congratulating Dr. Herbert W. Levine on his retirement as Superintendent of Salem Public Schools;

Dr. Herbert
W. Levine.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough) congratulating the Marlboro Lions Club; and

Marlboro
Lions Club.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Stanley of Waltham and Koutoujian of Waltham) congratulating Robert G. Logan, Jr., on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Robert G.
Logan, Jr.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under sus-

pension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Scaccia of Boston) relative to amending House Rule 23A (House, No. 4065), having been reported from the committee on Rules, under the provisions of House Rule 7C, was adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexander G. Gray, Jr., an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2054, amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "Whenever Mr. Gray terminates employment with the trial court or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, the balance of sick leave shall be transferred to the trial court paid leave bank.") (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports

Of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1187) of Richard T. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr, Edward G. Connolly, William Smitty Pignatelli and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a program of assistance for cities and towns for the improvement of services to the youth of the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children and Families.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1206) of Charles E. Shannon, Patricia D. Jehlen and David P. Linsky for legislation relative to the regulation of common victuallers,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Community Development and Small Business.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1172) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Anthony J. Verga, Stephen M. Brewer and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to parking for handicapped individuals and disabled veterans,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2055) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Ipswich to change the use, the care, custody and control of a portion of town owned land. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Ways and Means, postage.

Alexander G. Gray, Jr., sick leave bank.

Youth services, improve.

Common victuallers, regulate.

Handicapped parking.

Ipswich, town land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2056) of Pamela P. Resor, James B. Eldridge and Cory Atkins (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Acton to grant senior property tax relief. To the committee on Revenue.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of David M. Nangle and others relative to health care benefits for utility company employees during work stoppages. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the town of Abington to establish a capital improvement trust fund (Senate, No. 2025) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to increasing the borrowing authority of the Ring's Island Water District of Salisbury (House, No. 3600) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont (Mr. Rushing of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Acton, senior tax relief.

Health care benefits.

Abington, capital improvement.

Salisbury, Ring's Island Water District.

Next sitting.